

The Tragic Cost of the Syrian War, Millions Displaced: Where Will They Go Now?

Tragic Consequences of War, Homes and Lives Destroyed. Families, Friends and Communities Separated by Thousands of Miles

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2011 to 2013 Syrian Refugee and Asylum Seekers across the Globe

As of December 31, 2013, over 3 million Syrians Asylum Seekers and Refugees were spread across the globe in over 100 countries throughout every continent except Antarctica as denoted by the colored lines. To date the civil war continues to rage, more Syrians are displaced and each year a growing number of countries provides shelter. The thousands of miles of separation will leave an indelible scar across many



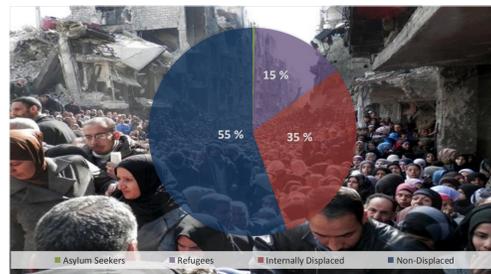
January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2013 Syrian Refugees Spread Around the World

As of December 31, 2013, over 3,217,294 Syrians Refugees were spread across the globe in 84 countries throughout every continent except Antarctica as denoted by the colored lines. The line color and width symbolize the amount of Syrian Refugees per country. However, the actual amount of people and countries are likely different as people may have traversed through more than one country and may not have registered with UNHCR.



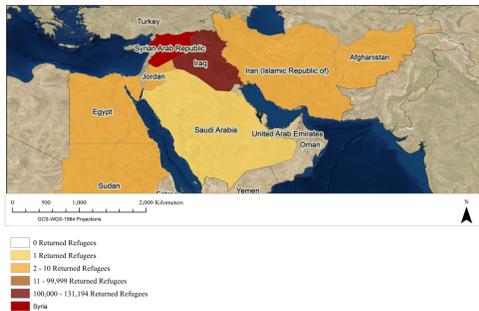
2011-2013 Syrian Population

As of November 2014, UNOCHA states on its website that 9.65 million people have been either internally or externally displaced as a result of the Syrian civil war. The chart below represents 2011-2013.



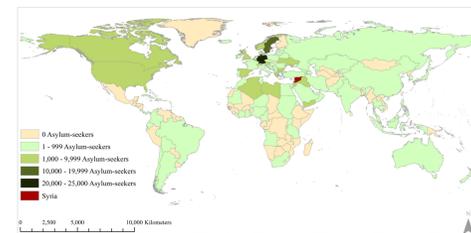
From one Conflict Zone to Another, Syrian Refugees and Asylum Seekers returned from Iraq

Since early 2011 to December 31, 2013, roughly 276,972 Syrians according to the UNHCR Population Statistics, have sought refuge in the neighboring country of Iraq, predominantly in the Kurdistan region. While only handfuls of refugees have returned to Syria from around a dozen other countries shade below, approximately 131,194, nearly half, have returned from Iraq. Therefore, in assessing the other maps, it is key to realize the number of Iraqi Asylum Seekers and Refugees may be less due to returns.



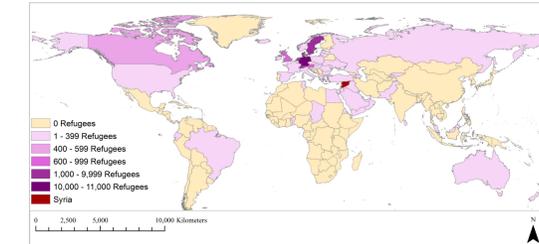
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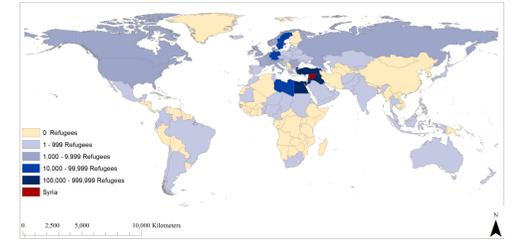
2011: The Unrest in Syria Begins with only Minimal Change in Refugees

In 2011 the unrest in Syria began. The countries taking in the majority of Syrian Refugees was Germany serving 51% of Syrian refugees followed by Sweden and Denmark assisting 6% each, Switzerland, Austria and the Netherlands aided 5% each, while Canada and the United Kingdom helped 3% each. The remaining 16% sought refuge in another 50 countries denoted below by the shading. Syria is shown in red.



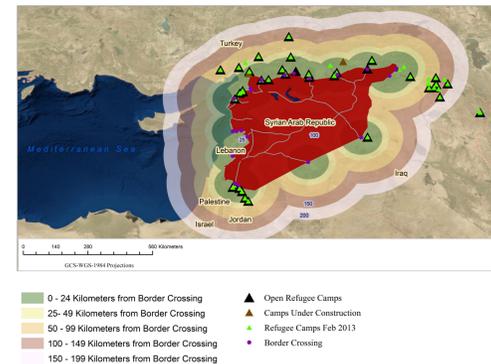
2013: Situations within Syria Deteriorate Rapidly Leading to a Mass Exodus of over 2 Million

With the violence spreading and access to critical infrastructure services deteriorating rapidly, nearly 2.5 million people left Syria in 2013, according to UNHCR Population Statistics. 91% traveled to the bordering countries of Turkey, Jordan, Lebanon and Iraq. Lebanon's arrivals increased 8 fold from 2012. Egypt took in 5% with the remaining 4% resettling in another 73 countries denoted below by the shading. Syria is shown in red. 6 new countries began taking in Syrian refugees in 2013.



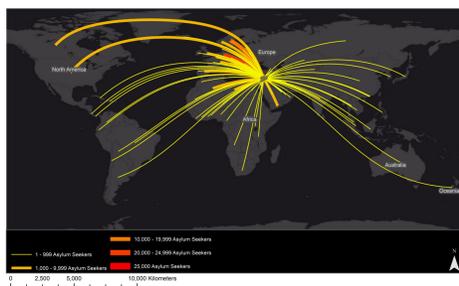
Refugee Camp Explosion in Neighboring Countries.

There are over 3 million Syrian refugees and climbing, of which 90 % are residing in neighboring countries according to UNHCR Population Statistics. This circumstance has led to the establishment of 26 camps in Turkey, 9 in Iraq and 6 in Jordan. Nearly 70% are located within 25 kilometers of the Syrian border crossing noted by the green shading. Note: Only camps that are operated by UNHCR and the Turkish government are included in this map.



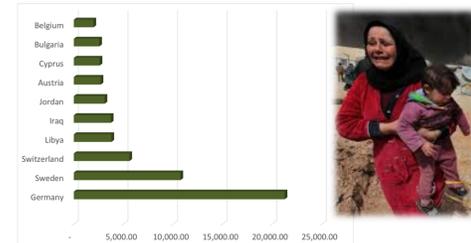
January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2013 Syrian Asylum Seekers Spread Around the World

As of December 31, 2013, over 80,845 Syrians Asylum Seekers were spread across the globe in 96 countries throughout every continent except Antarctica as denoted by the colored lines. The line color and width symbolize the amount of Syrian Asylum Seekers per country. However, the actual amount of people and countries are likely higher due to information being omitted for security / protection purposes.



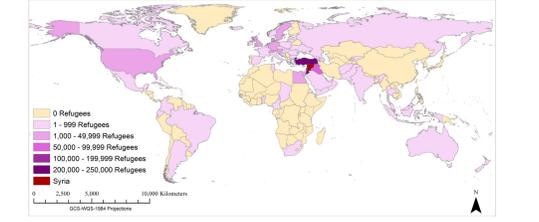
2011-2013 Syrian Asylum Seekers by Host Country

It is interesting to note that Sweden and Germany who do not share any cultural, language, religious or many climate similarities were the countries where most Syrians choose to seek Asylum. The numbers is Iraqi Asylum Seekers may have changed due to Iraq's weakened infrastructure and emergence of ISIS.



2012: The Syrian War is in Full Swing and the Flow of Refugees Dramatically Changes

From January 1, 2012 until December 31, 2012, nearly three quarters of a million Syrian refugees, up from 19,931 in 2011, sought safe havens around the world according to UNHCR Population Statistics. 93% traveled to the bordering countries of Turkey, Jordan, Lebanon and Iraq with the remaining 7% resettling in another 67 countries denoted below by the shading. Syria is shown in red. 13 new countries began taking in Syrian Refugees in 2012.



2011-2013 Syrian Refugees by Host Country

By 2013 neighboring countries had become saturated with Syrian refugees and tightened their borders. According to the Norwegian Refugee Council, countries outside of the region have only collectively agreed to take 50,000 Syrian refugees, which is about 2% of the current refugee population. Insofar as there are 6,000,000 internally displaced people still in Syria who want to escape the ongoing violence within their country, where will they go?

